

Remarks

The specification has been objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the machine readable medium of claims 21-23. A new paragraph 0033 has been added to provide this antecedent basis. The new paragraph uses the language of original claim 21, so no new matter is being added by this change. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Claims 7-10, 15, and 21 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. published patent application no. 2004/0131075 ("Sinnarajah").

Claims 11-14 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sinnarajah in view of U.S. published patent application no. 2003/0129985 ("Naden").

Claims 16, 17, 22, and 23 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The allowable subject matter of claims 16 and 22 has been incorporated into independent claims 15 and 21, respectively, rendering those claims allowable. Claims 16 and 22 have been cancelled as being redundant to amended claims 15 and 21.

Independent claim 7 has been amended to include the subject matter of previous claim 12. This subject matter recites determining the predicted durations of subsequent

transmissions from the second electronic devices based on durations of previously received transmissions the second electronic devices. The rejection cites paragraph 64 of Naden as teaching the limitations of both claims 11 and 12, by equating spreading sequences with predicted durations. This is incorrect. Spreading sequences have to do with the way the data in the current transmission is encoded, and have nothing to do with the predicted duration of any subsequent transmissions, no matter how those durations are determined.

The remaining pending claims each depends, directly or indirectly, from one of independent claims 7, 15, or 21, and therefore contains the same limitations not disclosed or suggested by the cited references.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and indication of allowance by the Examiner is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions concerning this application, he or she is requested to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number shown below as soon as possible. If any fee insufficiency or overpayment is found, please charge any insufficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-4238.

Respectfully submitted,

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